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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN EXPORTS OF TIN TO USSR (C-ER-6-59651)

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1. DURING PERIOD JAN-NOV 1975 MALAYSIA EXPORTED 4,665 METRIC TONS OF TIN METAL TO USSR. THIS AGGREGATE FIGURE FOLLOWS SAME CRITERIA AS THAT FOR TABLE B-20 IN ITC STATISTICAL BULLETIN, THAT IS, IT INCLUDES EXPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (WHICH FOR THIS PERIOD WERE NIL) AND METAL OBTAINED FROM IMPORTED CONCENTRATES.

2. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES, AMOUNT EXPORTED IN DECEMBER COULD BE REPORTED BY CABLE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. RE QUESTION OF HOW MALAYSIA CAN OBEY STRICTURES OF ITC CURRENT CONTROLS WITHOUT HAVING MORE TIMELY FIGURES (THAT IS, ALREADY HAVING THE TOTAL FOR 1975) ON EXPORTS, ANSWER IS THAT MALAYSIAN TIN CONCENTRATES CLEAR CUSTOMS BEFORE DELIVERY TO THE SMELTER. AMOUNT OF TIN METAL CONTENT IS THEN ESTIMATED BASED ON AVERAGE ASSAY PERCENTAGE (ABOUT 75 PERCENT), AND THIS FIGURE IS USED BY MALAYSIA TO COMPLY WITH THE TIN EXPORT QUOTA. AFTER PASSING CUSTOMS, MALAYSIAN TIN CONCENTRATES WILL BE SMELTED ALONG WITH IMPORTED TIN CONCENTRATES. MALAYSIA USES THE CUSTOMS POINT AS PLACE TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF MALAYSIAN TIN EXPORTS RATHER THAN AMOUNT EXPORTED FROM SMELTER SO THAT FOREIGN TIN NOT COUNTED AGAINST THE MALAYSIAN EXPORT QUOTA.

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